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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY VANCE
TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF LESOTHO

REF: MASERU 1758

1. REFTEL REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER OF LESOTHO,
C. D. MOLAPO, IS CURRENTLY VISITING EAST BERLIN. AMBASSA-
DOR OR CHARGE IS REQUESTED TO SECURE AN APPOINTMENT WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER MOLAPO AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY
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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY VANCE.

2. MESSAGE: "DEAR MR. FOREIGN MINISTER: I HAVE BEEN
INFORMED THAT THE HONORABLE M. V. MOLAPO, MINISTER OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, HAS BEEN
ELECTED TO CHAIR THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM
AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN GENEVA FROM AUGUST 14 TO 25.

THIS CONFERENCE CAN BE A LANDMARK IN THE HISTORY OF UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE EVILS OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

"I BELIEVE THE U.S. HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED ITS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE ABOLITION OF RACISM, BOTH WITHIN ITS OWN BORDERS AND WORLDWIDE. WE DESIRE TO SUPPORT, WHEREVER WE CAN, STEPS TO REMOVE PREJUDICE AND ENHANCE THE DIGNITY OF MAN. REGRETTABLY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED AT THIS MID-DECADE CONFERENCE OF THE UN DECADE BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE DELIBERATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE MIGHT REFLECT THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NOVEMBER 10, 1975, DETERMINING THAT 'ZIONISM IS A FORM OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.' THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE EMBRACE INDIVIDUALS OF MANY COLORS AND RACES. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S ACTIONS WERE ACCORDINGLY UNIVERSALLY CONDEMNED AND REJECTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND PEOPLE.

"IN SPITE OF THE PERVERSION OF THE TERMS 'RACISM' AND 'RACIAL DISCRIMINATION' RESULTING FROM THEIR LINKAGE WITH ZIONISM, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS THE UNRELENTING EFFORTS BEING MADE BY UNITED NATIONS ORGANS TO COMBAT THE EVILS OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AS THESE TERMS WERE UNDERSTOOD WHEN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION WAS LAUNCHED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1973. I AM ADDRESSING THIS SPECIAL MESSAGE TO YOU BECAUSE OF MY REALIZATION OF THE KEY ROLE WHICH IS TO BE PLAYED BY MINISTER M. V. MOLAPO AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE. THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF AFRICAN DELEGATIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, ALL EFFORTS TO REAFFIRM THE DECISION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION HAVE BEEN BLOCKED SINCE THAT DECISION WAS ADOPTED. I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE WILL LIKEWISE TAKE NO ACTION TO REAFFIRM THAT DECISION.

"I AM CONVINCED THAT AVOIDANCE OF THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE CRUCIAL TO THE CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS IMPORTANT PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE PART OF ALL PEOPLE. I THEREFORE APPEAL TO YOU, AND THROUGH YOU TO MINISTER MOLAPO, TO DO ALL THAT IS POSSIBLE IN PRESIDING OVER THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE TO ASSURE THAT THE POSITIVE RESULTS RELATING TO THE ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION WHICH WE ALL DESIRE WILL BE ACHIEVED."

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT, EMBASSIES MASERU, GABERONE, TEL AVIV, AND U.S. MISSIONS GENEVA AND NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY UPON CONFIRMED DELIVERY OF MESSAGE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

4. FOR GENEVA: MESSAGE IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED OR DELIVERED TO MINISTER M. V. MOLAPO UNTIL APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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